

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 309

By Jernigan

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend DeMolay International on the occasion of its 100th anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is the pleasure of the members of this General Assembly to specially recognize those estimable individuals and organizations that are dedicated to positively influencing Tennessee's youth; and

WHEREAS, one such organization is DeMolay International, which strives to shape young men into leaders of character and is celebrating its centennial this year; and

WHEREAS, founded in Kansas City, Missouri, on March 18, 1919, DeMolay International prepares young men to lead successful, happy, and productive lives through a fun-filled program that develops key life skills such as public speaking, budgeting, fundraising, collaboration, and event planning; and

WHEREAS, members of DeMolay International study and put into practice seven cardinal virtues: filial love, reverence, courtesy, comradeship, fidelity, cleanness, and patriotism; and

WHEREAS, today, DeMolay International boasts more than 1,000 chapters worldwide, including six chapters in Tennessee; notable alumni include Walt Disney, John Wayne, and Walter Cronkite; and

WHEREAS, DeMolay International opens doors for young men by developing the civic awareness, personal responsibility, and leadership skills so vitally needed in society today, and this exemplary organization should be recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, that we honor and commend DeMolay International on the occasion of its 100th anniversary and extend our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.